

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 Leave No Trace ethics**

- ◆ **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- ◆ **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- ◆ **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- ◆ **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- ◆ **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Use carry-in/carry-out bear resistant food storage canister May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, call Park Dispatch at (970) 586-1203 or 911. Map (over) shows the location of the nearest phone.

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**Site Location:** The 4 individual sites are in a spruce/fir stand to the northwest of the lake. The Spruce Lake trail proceeds straight ahead where the Fern Lake Trail turns left.. The group site is located across the lake just off the trail continuing to Odessa Lake. A wood sign indicates the path to the site; the path may be marked by red arrowheads on trees. Camp safely away from dead trees, as near as is safely possible to the silver metal arrowhead.

**Number of Sites:** 4 individual / 1 group

**Elevation:** 9,530 ft.

**Elevation Change:** 1,375 ft. gain from Fern Lake TH

**Privy:** YES

**Approx. Travel Time:** 3 hrs. from Fern Lake. TH

**Distance:** 3.8 mi. from the Fern Lake TH; 5.1 mi. from the Bear Lake. TH, 5.8 from Cub Lake TH.

**Water Source:** Inlet stream at end of trail past sites. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** Fern Lake TH: Take the Bear Lake Road 2.7 miles from BCO and right turn into the road to Moraine Park Campground. Make a left turn shortly after the turn at a sign indicating riding stable and trailheads. Follow to the end of the road.

